

REMARKS

Applicants file this continuation application based on co-pending patent application Serial No. 10/172,542, filed June 14, 2002 (the “parent application”), and respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the continuation application.

Applicants amend the specification to add the “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” section inserting the proper claim for priority and serial number of the parent application. Additionally, Applicants provide a set of formal drawings for the Official Draftperson’s review to replace the informal drawings submitted herewith. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Further, Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-27, without prejudice and without any intention of abandoning the subject matter thereof, and add new claims 28-55. Support for new claims 28-55 can be found throughout the specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that claims 28-55 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request entry as such.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper to the Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

If it is believed that a telephone conversation with Applicants’ attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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